

Brain Injury Committee

MEMBERSHIP

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities is legislatively mandated according to [Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210](#) (10) c., to:

Maintain a standing brain injury committee to facilitate prevention and centralized interdisciplinary planning, assessment and an improved service delivery system for individuals with brain injury comprised of the following members, or designees of such members:

1. Director of the Division of Public Health;
2. Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services;
3. Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health;
4. Director of the Division of Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities;
5. Director of the Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services;
6. Director of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation;
7. Exceptional Children Director of Department of Education;
8. Chair of Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens;
9. Chair of Developmental Disabilities Council;
10. Minimum of 3 survivors of brain injury or family members of such individuals; and
11. Representatives of prevention, planning, veterans and service delivery organizations appointed by the Council, including a representative of the state chapter of the Brain Injury Association of America and a representative of the "protection and advocacy agency" defined in § 1102 of Title 16.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The SCPD Brain Injury Committee has the following duties and responsibilities according to [Title 29, Chapter 82, §8210](#) (10) a.:

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- (1) Promote coordination among all state programs, services and plans established for or related to persons with brain injuries.
- (2) Review, on a continuing basis, all state policies, plans, programs and activities concerning persons with brain injuries which are conducted or assisted, in whole or part, by state departments, agencies or funds in order to determine whether such policies, programs, plans and activities effectively meet the needs of persons with brain injuries.
- (3) Make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and all state departments and agencies respecting ways to improve the administration of services for persons with brain injuries and for facilitating the implementation of new or expanded programs.
- (4) Provide the Governor, the General Assembly, all interested agencies and the general public with review and comment on all state legislative proposals affecting people with brain injuries.
- (5) Provide policymakers and the general public with analyses and recommendations on federal and local governmental legislation, regulations and policies affecting state programs and persons with brain injuries.
- (6) Propose and promote legislation, regulations and policies to improve the well-being of persons with brain injuries.
- (7) Serve as a central state clearinghouse for information and data regarding:
 - a. The current numbers of persons with brain injuries and their needs;
 - b. The location, provision and availability of services and programs for persons with brain injuries;
 - c. Any other relevant information and data about persons with brain injuries which the Committee deems appropriate.

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(8) Prepare and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report of the activities of the Committee and the status of services and programs for persons with brain injuries.

Additionally, the SCPD Brain Injury Committee is charged with fulfilling the State Council for Persons with Disabilities' duties and responsibilities identified in the Concussion Protection in Youth Athletic Activities Act, codified in [Title 16, Chapter 30L](#).